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SACALINE.

Home Grown Roots, Strictly True and Pure.

The accompanying illustration is a fair representation of the plants of Sacaline we offer, drawn 1½ in. to the foot. They are well developed roots with perfectly formed crowns and numerous large plump fully matured eyes. They are simply perfect for mail or express trade. Best of all we *know positively* that every one is the genuine Sacaline. None of the importations from Japan, of which we have any knowledge, are pure; but are composed of two or more species—largely the *worse than worthless Polygonum cuspidatum*, which so closely resembles the true species.

No other forage plant has ever created such widespread discussion as Sacaline. Much that has been said of it, especially by the enemies of the plant, has been pure speculation. Facts are, however, becoming established and while it has not been proved that it will yield 180 tons of forage per acre annually, as claimed, yet the statement that it will become a noxious weed has been proved false; as it cannot be induced to produce seed with us. That cattle and horses will eat it, both in the green and dry state, without coaxing, has been conclusively proved also. Its ability to grow and flourish during prolonged drought, when all other forage plants fail utterly, has likewise been proved the past summer — rendering it of value that cannot be estimated, in the West and Southwest at least, where the cattle interests are so great. But discussion and difference of opinion will, we fear, continue for a long time—in fact we are very much afraid Sacaline will have many enemies, and from no defect in the plant itself, the *true* Sacaline; but by reason of so many seeds and plants of worthless kinds of Polygonum having been sent out for it. We have no way of knowing accurately but from the best sources of information at our command, we are forced to the conclusion that there have been more than double the amount of spurious plants and seeds distributed throughout the United States for Sacaline than there have been of the genuine species, *Polygonum Sachalinense*.

The claims made for it are: perfectly hardy—even in Siberia; stands also the greatest heat; ground does not need to be plowed before planting; needs no cultivation, no manuring, no replanting; grows in poorest soil or in wet lands, where no other forage plant will exist. Once planted it stands for an age. Stems and leaves, green or dry, are greatly relished by sheep, cattle and horses. It is more nutritious than clover or lucerne; an excellent soil enricher. Grows fourteen feet high by June and can be cut every month till cold weather. The cultivation of Sacaline is very simple. Plant three feet apart each way at any season.

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THE LOVETT COMPANY,

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